Exports commitment to Ms. Kothari General Foods

3165. SHRl SURESH KALMADI: SHRl DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact th'J$_t$ a commitment for exports was given to M/s. Kothari General Foods and if so, what is the value of exports committed and by when the exports are likely to commence;

(b) whether they are not going to make the freeze dried coffee and if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether they are .going to make the protein foods and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE ^DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) One of the terms of the Industrial Licence granted to M/s. Kothari General Food Corporation Limited (KGFL) is that the unit shall undertake an export obligation for a minimum value of Rs. 99.60 crores during the first five years.

- (b) KGFL have informed that they will manufacture soluble spray dried coffee in the first phase to be followed by freeze died coffee subsequently.

(c) KGFL have informed that they are in the process of developing and testing a range of protein foods and that after evaluation of the results they plan to take up production of these products.

DMT Production by Mls. Bombay Dyciug

3166. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAG-* HELA; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while requesting for concessional duty for Paraxylene M/s. Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Company Limited had given assurance to Government that the finished product, DMT will ,be sold by them to the actual users at Rs. 17,000/- per M. T.;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the DMT users in country are paying to M/s. Bombay Dyeing Limited over Rs. 21,000/- per tonnes for DMT; 'and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SlNGH); (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of Thiamine Mono-nitrate

3167. SHRI S. B. RAMESH BABU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pieased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that indigenous prices of Thiamine Mono-Nitrate aud Thiamine Hcl. is four times higher than CIF prices;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has decontrolled the prices of these drugs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a monopoly production of these drugs and the prices have been increased after decontrolling the prices;

(d) if so, what was the price fixed, how much has been increased and what is the present CIF price per kg. of each drug; and

(e) whether these drugs will be brought under price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Latest CIF price of this drug is not available with this Ministry.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No increse in the price of this drug has been reported.

(e) No, Sir.